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1. The information in this report is not complete, and the existence of some of the roads reported here has not been verified. Nevertheless, the summary lists all the principal highways, nearly all the first class roads, and the majority of the second class roads in Bulgaria. It is noted that all the Bulgarian roads are gravel, with the exception of certain stretches of cement or asphalt. The road widths differ according to class, and in general are as follows: 6 meters for principal highways, 5 meters for first class roads, and 4 meters for secondary roads (second and third class). Analysis of the road network shows the following major lines: The international route, a series of east-west roads, a series of north-south roads, and connecting roads.

2. The international route goes from the Yugoslav border to the Turkish border via Kalotina-Sofia-Pazardzhik-Plovdiv-Khaskovo-Kharmanlii-Svilengrad.

3. East-west routes are as follows:

   a. The Danube route: Gregovo-Vidin-Belogradchik-Mikhaylovgrad-Vratsa-Borovan-Byala Slatina-Pleven Byala- Popovo-Tŭrgovishte;

   b. The north route: Sofia-Botevgrad-Yablanitsa-Lovech-Sevlievo-Tŭrnovo-Omortag-Shumen-Novi Pazar-Varna;

   c. The Sub-Balkan route: Sofia-Zlatitsa-Karlovo-Kazanlŭk-Sliven-Karnobat-Aytos-Burgas; and

   d. The Rhodope route: Yugoslav border-Petrich-Nevrokop-Dospat-Devin-Smolyan-Ustovo-Ardino-Kŭrdzhali-Momchilgrad-Ivaylovgrad-Turkish border.

4. North-south routes are as follows:

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a. Lom-Mikhaylovgrad-Berkovitsa-Sofia-Tsŭrkva-Nevrokop-Gorna Dzhumaya-Simitli-Kulata-Greek border;

b. Oryakhovo-Borovan-Vratsa-Mezdra:

(1) Svoge-Sofia-Samokov-Bansko-Nevrokop-Greek border.

(2) Botevgrad-Pravets-Etropole-Zlatitsa-Panagyurishte-Pazardzhik-Batak-Dospat.

c. Nikopol-Pleven-Lovech-Troyan-Kŭrnare-Karlovo-Plovdiv-Asenovgrad-Ustovo-Greek border;

d. Ruse-Byala-Tŭrnovo-Gabrovo-Kazanlŭk-Stara Zagora (through either Voynetsa or Elena) -Khaskovo-Kŭrdzhali-Momchilgrad-Greek border;

e. Silistra-Shumen:

(1) Preslav-Avramov (through either Omortag or Kotel) -Yambol-Elkhovo-Topolovgrad-Svilengrad (or Elkhovo-Turkish border-Edirnè?).

(2) Karnobat-Grudovo-Fakiya-Strandzha-Turkish border.

f. Rumanian border-Tolbukhin (and Balchik)-Varna-Burgas (either directly or through Provadiya-Aytos) -Malko Tŭrnovo-Turkish border.

5. The two most important connecting roads are:

a. The old route Gyueshevo-Kyustendil-Radomir-Pernik-Sofia-Botevgrad-Yablanitsa-Lukovit-Pleven-Byala-Ruse; and

b. Plovdiv-Popovitsa-Chirpan-Stara Zagora-Nova Zagora-Sliven.

6. The following chart lists individual Bulgarian roads by category:

Category	Number	Route
Principal	1	Sofia-Tsaribrod
"	2	Sofia-Svilengrad-To Edirne
"	3	Sofia-Lom
"	4	Sofia-Varna
"	5	Sofia-Burgas
"	6	Sofia-Kulata-To Salonika
"	7	Sofia-Gyueshevo-To Skoplie
"	8	Ruse-Momchilgrad-Greek border-To Gumuldzhina
"	9	Shumen-Yambol
First Class	1	Sofia-Samokov-Bansko-Nevrokop-Greek border-To Drama
"	2	Samokov-Borovets

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Category	Number	Route
First Class	3	Simitli-Razlog
"	4	Botevgrad-Vratsa
"	7	Tŭrgovishte-Popovo
"	9	Pleven-Lukovit-Yablanitsa
"	13	Pleven-Lovech-Troyan-Kŭrnare
"	14	Gabrovo-Sevlievo
"	15	Ruse-Razgrad-Shumen
"	16	Varna-Tolbukhin or Byala-Popovo
"	19	Karnobat-Grudovo
"	20	Omortag-Kotel-Avramov
"	22	Varna-Balchik
"	27	Sliven-Nova Zagora
"	28	Nova Zagora-Stara Zagora-Chirpan-Popovitsa
"	29	Popovitsa-Asenovgrad
"	30	Plovdiv-Asenovgrad-Ustovo-Greek border-To Xanthi
"	31	Banya-Yundola-Velingrad-Varvara
"	32	Plovdiv-Karlovo
Second Class	2	Samokov-Nevrokop
"	3	Samokov-Dolna Dikanya-Radomir
"	4	Dolna Dikanya-Radomir
"	8	Tŭrnovo-Gorna Oryakhovitsa-Popovo
"	32	Principal road # 5 -Elin Pelin-Novi Khan
"	33	Ikhtiman-Kalkovo (15 km. north of Samokov)
"	40	Yablanitsa-Roman-Vratsa
"	61	Yasen (8 kilometers west of Pleven) -Dŭrmantsi-principal road # 4 at 12 kilometers east of Yablanitsa
"	63	Zlatitsa-Troyan
"	64	Yablanitsa-Teteven-Troyan
"	65	Principal road # 4 -Pravets-Etropole
"	66	Troyan-Principal road # 4 (20 kilometers southwest of Lovech)

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Category	Number	Route
Second Class	67	Pirdop (3 kilometers east of Zlatitsa) - Route II.182 at 5 kilometers southwest of Zlatitsa
"	68	Sevlievo-Troyan
"	75	Svishtov-Principal road # 4 at 14 kilometers west of Tŭrnovo
"	77	Tŭrnovo-Elena
"	84	Byala-Svishtov
"	89	Kesarevo (28 kilometers northeast of Tŭrnovo) -Kamburovo (7 kilometers west of Omortag)
"	90	Popovo-Omortag
"	91	Ruse-Popovo
"	96	Vetrino-Provadiya
"	102	Road II.103 (10 kilometers west of Varna) -Kalinantsi (18 kilometers northwest of Varna)
"	103	Varna-Devnya River
"	104	Provadiya-Dŭskotna-Aytos
"	108	Road II.104 (3 kilometers from Provadiya) -Drumevo (20 kilometers west of the original point)
"	113	Dŭskotna-Planinitsa (4 kilometers west of Dŭskotna)
"	114	Dŭskotna-Yasenovo (4 kilometers east of Dŭskotna)
"	118	Karnobat-Shumen
"	163	Road I.32 (8 kilometers north of Plovdiv) -Koprivchtitsa
"	164	Koprivchtitsa -Principal road # 5 (12 kilometers east of Zlatitsa)
"	167	Principal road # 2 (16 kilometers west of Plovdiv) -Krichim
"	173	Pazardzhik-Peshtera
"	178	Gara Belovo-Yŭndola
"	179	Pazardzhik-Ikhtiman (50 kilometers southeast of Sofia)
"	182	Pazardzhik-Zlatitsa
"	186	Teteven -Principal road # 4 (12 kilometers east of Yablanitsa)

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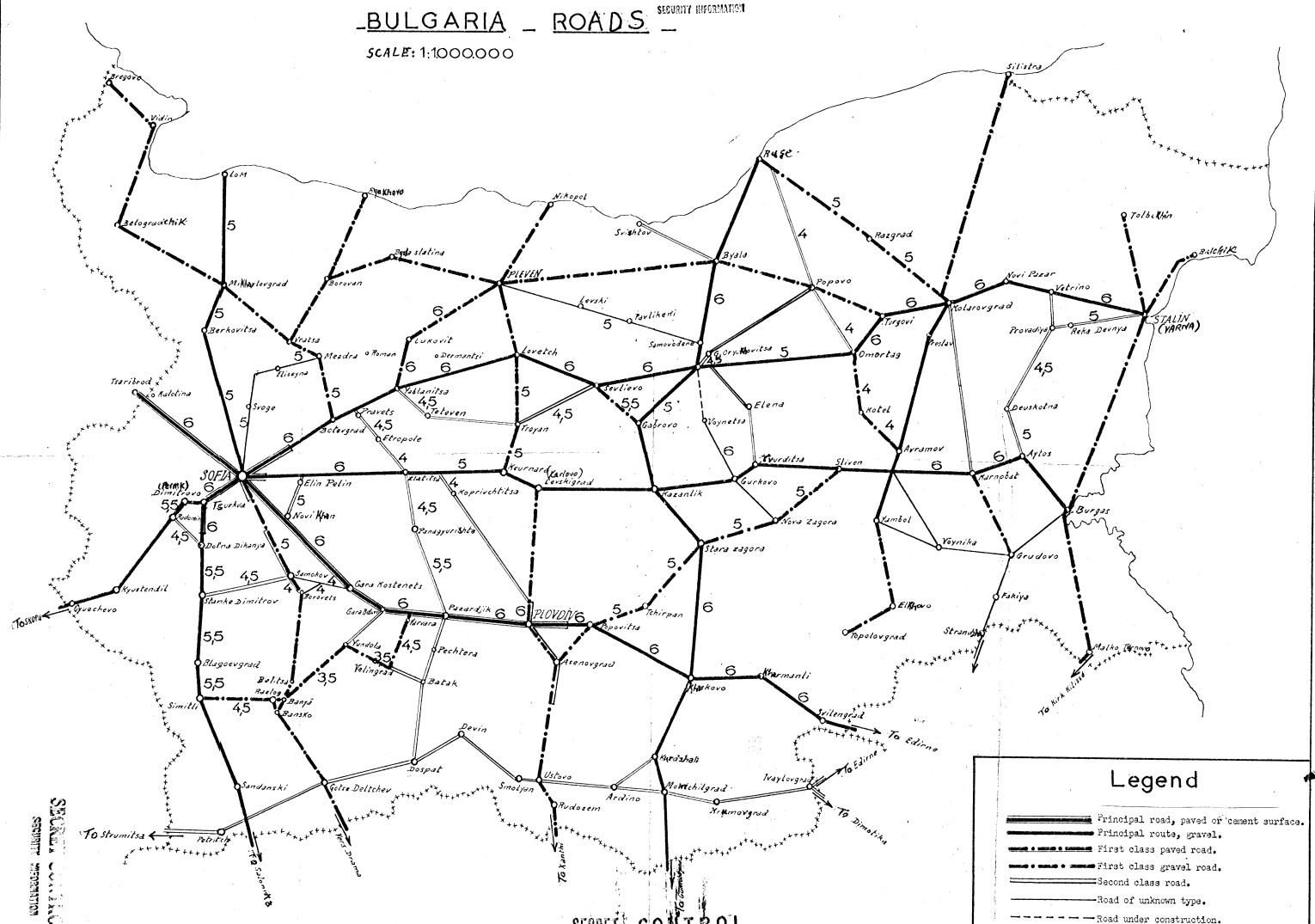

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- Principal road, paved or cement surface.
- Principal route, gravel.
- First class paved road.
- First class gravel road.
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